



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2013

A meeting of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:20 pm, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Sheryl Burns, Acting Chair
Justine Aaron
Jeanette Andersen
Tasia Alexis*
Laura Mackenrot
Greg Pyc
Laurie Ringaert
Jill Weiss (via conference phone)

ABSENT: Cathy Browne
Paul Caune (Sick Leave)
Paul Gauthier
Craig Langston (Sick Leave)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Heather Deal, Vancouver City Council
Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vancouver City Council
Commissioner Melissa De Genova, Vancouver Park Board
Trustee Sophie Woo, VSB
Parker Johnson, EEO

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

The Clerk called the meeting to order and following roll call, it was

MOVED by Jill Weiss
SECONDED by Laura Mackenrot

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee appoint
Sheryl Burns as Acting Chair for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Tasia Alexis absent for the vote)

Leave of Absence Requests

Jill Weiss noted the criteria established at the February 2013 meeting which
was approved by the Committee regarding leave of absence requests.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Tasia Alexis

THAT the minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2013, be approved as
circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vary the Agenda

MOVED by Jill Weiss
SECONDED by Laura Mackenrot

THAT an item be added to the agenda prior to Items 2 and 3 so that
Commissioner De Genova can acknowledge a civic recognition to a
Committee member who was unable to attend the Reception on
International Women's Day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

1. Awards

(a) Queen's Jubilee Medal

Councillor Deal presented the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal and certificate to Jeanette Andersen in recognition of her success and strong, consistent voice in the community, including her work with the BC Coalition of People with Disabilities and PWDAC, and many other activities improving the lives of persons with disabilities.

(b) Remarkable Women 2013

Commissioner De Genova announced that Jill Weiss was chosen for the Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation and the City of Vancouver's *Remarkable Women 2013 Award* which honoured women's contributions to local food communities. Ms. Weiss was recognized for her work developing accessible community gardens for people of all ages and abilities, advocacy work to save Vancouver's last urban farm, and to improve accessible transportation and housing for persons with disabilities.

The poster commemorating the award is available at:

<http://vancouver.ca/people-programs/remarkable-women.aspx>

2. Pearson Redevelopment – Discussion on Planning Process

Jill Weiss reported on the April 22, 2013 Community Advisory Group meeting and the continuum of care Vancouver Coastal Health is planning with regard to the Pearson redevelopment site.

The article from *The Right Way* entitled "What is an Institution?" was distributed (*on file*).

Councillor Meggs read the motion "Planning Process for Pearson Lands", approved by Council on April 23, 2013, and responded to questions.

NOTE: the Council motion numbered B1 as approved is available in the Minutes available at the following link:

http://former.vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/cclerk/20130423/documents/regu20130423_min.pdf.

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At 5:54 pm, the Committee recessed to set up for the next item and reconvened at 6:02 pm.

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3. Presentation & Discussion on the Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment

The Chair introduced the following guests invited for the discussion on the redevelopment of the Pearson and Dogwood site:

Lower Mainland Facilities Management (LM-FM) -
Brad Foster, External Affairs and Communication
Marie Fontaine, Project Manager, Capital Projects
Stef Schiedon, Project Director, Land and Capital Development
Sue Melnychuk, Director, Facilities Management;

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) -
Lorna Howes, Director, Housing Services
Susann Richter, Community Engagement Leader;

Dr. Tim Stainton, Professor and Head of the Department of Social Work
and Centre for Inclusion at UBC;

Faith Bodnar, Executive Director, Inclusion BC

Roger Jones, Researcher & Consultant on Accessibility and
Independent Living

Tim Louis, Attorney, Former City Councillor, and former President, BC
Coalition of Persons with Disabilities

Ross Chilton, Executive Director, Community Living Society.

Representatives from the Lower Mainland Facilities Management (LM-FM) and Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) described goals and opportunity of the site design for the integration of clinical and health services and supportive housing, and the replacement of previous complex care beds and residential care for frail seniors and persons with high level complex care needs. They also outlined the consultation, planning and rezoning process, housing continuum, amenities, accessibility and range of community health services. *(presentation distributed - on file).*

Following the presentation, staff from the LM-FM and VCH responded to questions. The Committee and guests provided feedback and expressed concerns regarding VCH's institutional care model, rights, freedoms, and

choices; housing continuum substitution of smaller institutions for one large one; home support; and planning for future needs. Feedback also included recommended best practices used provincially and internationally and to take the opportunity for the site to be a world class model of integrated community living and support services.

Staff from the LM-FM and VCH thanked everyone for their input.

4. Proposed Adaptable Housing By-law Amendments

Due to time constraints, the Committee agreed to postpone this item.

MOVED by Jill Weiss

SECONDED by Sheryl Burns

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee have a teleconference call to discuss the proposed Adaptable Housing By-law amendments and how to provide feedback to the Chief Building Official.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jill Weiss will organize the conference call as soon as possible and will contact Will Johnston, Chief Building Official.

Laurie Ringaert noted three motions regarding amendments to public buildings.

5. New Business

(a) Membership List

The revised Committee membership list (dated April 17, 2013) was distributed to members.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Greg Pyc

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, May 23, 2013
TIME: 5:15 pm
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room
Main Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:22 pm.

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